

Before the committee on private land claims Representative Otis, of Kansas, produced a preamble and resolution reciting certain alleged wrongful acts on the part of Secretary Noble and Commissioner General Land Office Carter, which acts, it is alleged, were in the interest of a conspiracy in 1877 in the office of S. B. Elkins, then delegate to Congress from New Mexico, United States Attorney Catron, of New Mexico, and ex-Commissioner of the Ge-

CHICAGO, May 5.—William Wells, of the suburban town of Lemont, superintendent of the Illinois stone quarries, was shot dead to-day by Mike Cain, a laborer for the Western Stone company. The murder was entirely unprovoked and cold blooded.

The people of Lemont made a demonstration to-night to lynch Cain, but the officials removed him to a place of safety and the demonstration came to naught.

leaves Eldridge, of the *Graphic*, in the shade. Truly, Victor Bierbroff is here and as he gets up, ask if he is in order, Fuller says, "Rate," and W. C. Hill says, "Move to adjourn, Vic," but Vic's a leader in convention as well as in society.

Delegate Rogers, of the Malden *Enterprise*, in Oneida county, is startled at seeing his bold assertions carried out in a bolder fashion.

Secretary of State Pinkham is here look-

The uproar finally reached such a pitch that the presiding officer was obliged to close the debate. When quiet was restored debate was resumed, and Minister Grimaldi moved a vote of confidence in the government. As soon as the defeat of the government was announced, Premier Rudini rose and said he must immediately consult with his colleagues in the cabinet.

They Make a Rush Across the Border—The Chinese Exclusion Law Signed.

DETROIT, May 5.—At the midnight hour Chinamen took advantage of the expiration of the Chinese exclusion act and crossed to this side, landing near Wabash depot. After an exciting chase in which an officer fired two shots, the fugitives were cap-

ous rains in Iowa the past week have resulted in high water and great damage to railroads. Twelve miles of the Des Moines & Kansas City road between here and Calmarville are washed away. The Diagonal trains are abandoned and the Rock Island's trains laid off for similar reasons. The Winterset and Indianola branches of the same line are also at a standstill. Travel by wagon is impossible on account of the condition of the country.

KANSAS.

The Republicans Want Agricultural Legislation—Harrison Endorsed.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., May 5.—The Republican state convention met this afternoon, Judge Bassett, of Nemaha county, temporary chairman.